

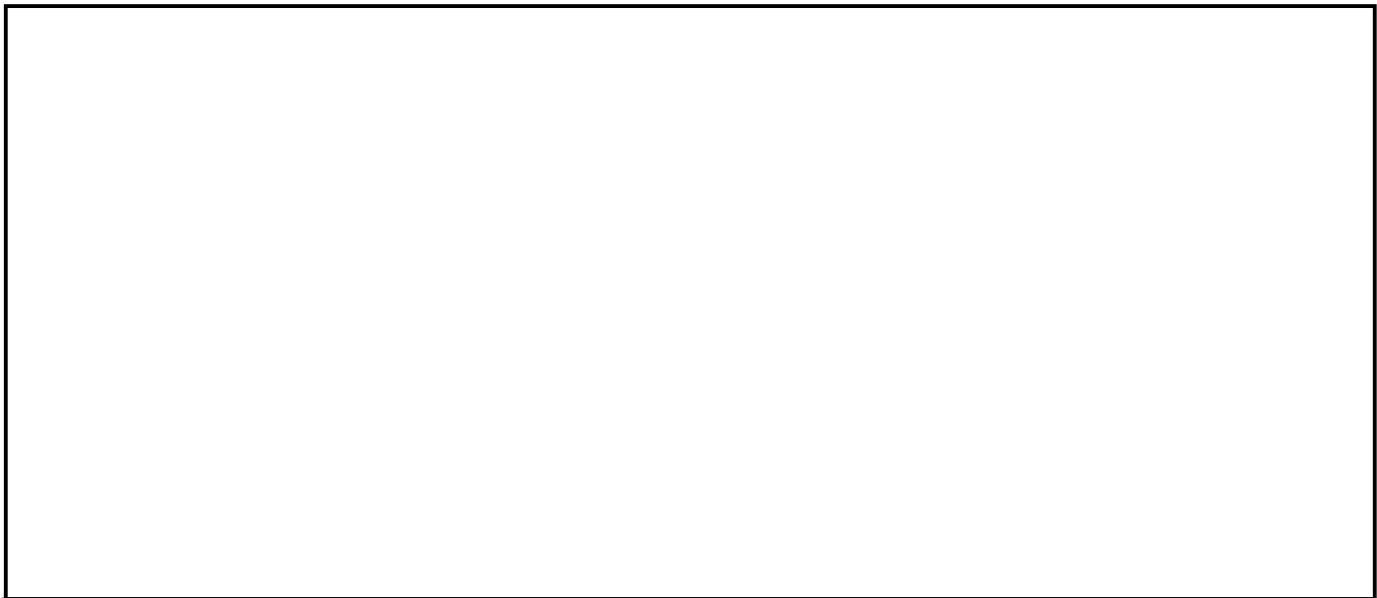
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Received a call from Mr. William Van Ness, Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, who told me that he is setting up hearings for Senator Jackson (D., Wash.) on the world oil situation. Present schedule will be for hearings in executive session on 11 and 12 December and Van Ness asked if the Director could be available to lead off in an off-the-record session, if necessary, with an intelligence briefing on the world oil situation with emphasis on the Middle East. Mr. Van Ness told me that a formal letter requesting the Director's appearance is in preparation but will probably not be relayed before tomorrow afternoon. I thanked Van Ness for the advance information and told him I would relay the informal request. He noted in closing that contact has been made with the White House to set up a number of Cabinet-level witnesses for possible open hearings on this subject. Van Ness suggested that I call him tomorrow afternoon when the determination should be finalized on release of the letters to the prospective witnesses.

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